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SUBJECT: VOA COVERAGE OF ANTI-SAKHAROV CAMPAIGN

1. ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT KAISER, RESIDENT AMERICAN JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING COMPLAINTS FROM DISSIDENT SOURCES THAT VOA RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH BROADCASTS ARE NOT PROVIDING SUFFICIENT COVERAGE AND REBUTTAL OF REGIME'S ANTI-SAKHAROV CAMPAIGN.

2. WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE THIS OBSERVATION, AND IN ANY CASE RECOGNIZE THE LIMITATIONS FACED BY VOA IN HANDLING INTERNAL SOVIET PROBLEMS. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE TRANSMITTING, IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS, AN ITEM IN RUSSIAN TRANSLITERATION, PORTIONS OF WHICH MIGHT BE SELECTIVELY USED BY VOA RUSSIAN PROVIDING THERE IS SUFFICIENT REPORTING OF THE ITEM BY WESTERN NEWS SOURCES. THE ITEM MAY ALSO BE USEFUL IN LESS RESTRICTED FORM TO OTHER MEDIA. IT IS AN OPEN LETTER BY SOVIET SCIENTIST V.F. TURCHIN DEFENDING SAKHAROV, WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED TO WESTERN JOURNALISTS (AND PROVIDED TO EMBASSY BY KAISER).

3. BEGIN TEXT: SCHITAYU NEOBKHODIMYM VYRAZIT' SVOY PROTEST  
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PROTIV KAMPANII, NAPRAVLENNOY NA DISKREDITATSIYU VYDA-

YUSCHEGOSYA UCHENOGO I GUMANISTA AKADEMIKA A.D. SAKHAROVA.  
DEYATEL'NOST' A.D. SAKHAROVA VSEGDA BYLA NAPRAVLENA NA  
ZASHCHITU PRAV CHELOVEKA, NA DEMOKARTIZATSIYU OBSHCHEST-  
VENNOY SHIZNI V NASHEY STRANE V RAMKAKH ZAKONNISTI. ON  
VSEGDA VYSTUPAL ZA PODLINNUYU RAZRYADKU MEZHDUNARODNOY  
NAPRYAZHENNOSTI, NEOBKHODIMO VKLYUCHAYUSHUYU UKREPLENIYE  
OSNOVNYKH DEMOKRATICHESKIKH SVODBOD VO VSEKH STRANAKH. S  
EGO OTDEL'NYMI VYSKAZYVANIYAMI MOZHNO SOGLASHAT'SYA ILI NE  
SOGLASHAT'SYA, NO NEVOZMOZHNO OTRITSAT, CHTO ONI PRODIKTOVANY  
STREMLENIYEM K BLAGU SVOYEGO NARODA I SVIDETEL'STVUYUT O  
BOL'SHOM GRAZHDANSKOM MUZHESTVE. ISTERICHESKAYA KAMPANIYA  
PROTIV SAKHAROVA PROVODITSYA POD LOZUNGOM BOR'BY ZA  
OSLABLENIYE MEZHDUNARODNOY NAPRYAZHENNOSTI. V DEYSTVITEL'-  
NOSTI ZHE ONA NANOSIT OGROMNYY VRED MEZHDUNARODNOMU POLOZHENIYU  
NASHEY STRANY I POLITIKE MIRNOGO SOSUSHCHESTVOVANIYA, VYZYVAYA  
NEDOVERIYE K NAMERENIYAM SOVETSKOGO SOYUZA.

4. YA OBRAZHAYUS' KO VSEM STORONNIKAM PROGRESSA I DEMOKRATII,  
K STORONNIKAM MIRA VO VSEM MIRE S PRIZYVOM PODNYAT' GOLOS  
V ZASHCHITU AKADEMIKA SAKAROVA. V.F. TURCHIN, DOKTOR  
FIZ-MAT. NAUK, MOSKVA, I-OYE SENTYABRYA.  
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